

Goods of American manufacture can be found all over the world. They come into competition with the labor of all other countries, and yet, under the pretense that our industries are infants and need government aid, a patient and long-suffering people tolerate a high tariff while great monopolies hide behind the wall and are less kind to American citizens than to those who reside in foreign lands.

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Buying Titles. The fact that so many heiresses are infatuated with titled foreigners and marry them to secure social distinction abroad suggests a new use that could be made of colonies.

According to our Constitution titles of nobility are not to be tolerated in this country and the possessors of titles must renounce them upon becoming American citizens. If, in the pending cases, the court holds that the Constitution does not extend to Porto Rico and the Philippines, the President might justify the creation of a few Lords, Dukes and Princes in "our new possessions" for the benefit of ambitious girls. It would keep the money under the American flag and help the balance of trade.

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A Cure For Vanity. Not all the sayings worthy of preservation are embodied in the standard compilations of familiar quotations. William Wirt has no place in these compilations, and yet that eminent lawyer gave utterance to many notable sentiments.

On one occasion, during a famous murder trial, Mr. Wirt wrote his wife that the gallery was filled with men and women, whose presence, an intimate friend had told him, was due to a desire to hear his (Mr. Wirt's) speech.

"Vain creature, say you?" wrote Mr. Wirt, "Vain enough; but not on this account. The man who knows and feels his own foibles and can draw off from himself so far as to make a proper estimate of his own imperfections will not be hurt by the flatteries of others."

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Consolation for Piebians. The Sultan of Turkey is so fearful of death by poison that he has given to his cook a set of royal seals with which each plate of food is sealed up in an iron and steel coffer. This is brought to the Sultan in order that he may open it with his own hand. He alone knows the combination of the lock, and when he is about to dine he breaks the seal and removes the food. In addition to these precautions, fifteen trusted spies watch the cook and a body guard conveys the food coffer to and from the dining-room. After all, there are some consolations in poverty. Americans who have grown restive under the prohibition against eating pie with a knife, will know how to sympathize with the embarrassments under which the "Unspeakable Turk" labors when he prepares for his royal feast.

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Royal Sport. There was a time when high federal officials found sufficient excitement in decoying the fleet-winged duck or in angling for the sportive bass, but such recreations seem to be passing into "innocuous desuetude," as it were. With the strenuous life begotten of imperialism our officials must have adventures which will stir the blood

and add spice to the lives of those who are prevented by public duty from joining in the chase of unappreciative subjects—subjects who are trying to elude the blessings of benevolent assimilation. As the Romans used gladiatorial contests to break the monotony of peace and drive away ennui between wars, even so the militant members of officialdom may have to resort to bear-killing and lion-hunting to enliven the hours between insular campaigns. At present the hunting is done in the forests and as much secrecy is observed as a well-equipped literary bureau will permit, but when colonialism is fully developed and the doctrine of force permeates the masses, there will be a clamor for public performances in the arena.

Vice-Presidents can then delight the populace with deeds of daring and thrill them with hair-breadth escapes, and thus stimulate recruits for the foreign service. Royal sport comes high, but we must have it.

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Planetary Disturbances. They talk of attempting communication with Mars as if it were something new. The fact is, the republican leaders have for years been under the influence of the planets. Mr. Hanna has been Jupiter's special representative and has ruled on republican Olympus with as much authority as was ever shown by "The Thunderer."

The various rings which encircle the republican organization prove clearly that the party's star has long been in close conjunction with Saturn; the hidden forces which are pushing the ship subsidy bill would excuse the suspicion that Neptune is at work with his trident; and what power but the blood-star Mars could have led the party of Lincoln into wars waged for conquest and the purchase of trade?

What we need is not wireless telegraphy between the earth and the stars, but some means of insulating the republican party against planetary currents.

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Uniform Divorce Laws. Uniform divorce laws is a reform that presses upon public attention. During the past ten years the privileges of the divorce court have been so abused that the institution upon which depends the sacredness and happiness of the home has suffered degradation. In some states divorce may be too readily secured, while in a few the obstacles to legal separation are too great. It would seem that New Jersey belongs to the latter class. The wife of one of the men convicted of murdering the young girl at Patterson, New Jersey, has discovered that unless she takes advantage of the more liberal laws of some other state, she cannot secure a divorce for the reason that imprisonment for crime does not constitute ground in New Jersey. There is such variety in the several states that it is important that uniform laws be adopted throughout the Union in order that, in the eyes of the law, a man may not be a benedict in one state and a bigamist in another.

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Significant Facts. "It is a simple problem in arithmetic," says the Johnston (Pa.) Democrat, "When Mr. Rockefeller will be the whole thing. Day before yesterday it was the copper mines, yesterday the great banks of the metropolis, today it is the railroads. What will he buy tomorrow? And

the significant part of his operations is that the more money he spends on dividend-paying investments the more money he has to spend."

Mr. Rockefeller's latest reported purchase is the Missouri Pacific, and no sooner had the deal been consummated than Missouri Pacific stock took an upward bound. It is interesting to observe that everything which this magnate touches turns to gold. Perhaps implicit faith in his business ability, or public confidence in his good luck, may have something to do with the upward trend of every stock in which he invests. It is more likely, however, that Mr. Rockefeller's ability to corner the entire supply of stock has something to do with the advance in the price of Rockefeller's stock.

Another significant part of Mr. Rockefeller's operations is, that the more money he spends on dividend-paying investments and the more money he has to spend, the less dividends other people obtain, and the more cash other people are required to pay for the commodities and the privileges in which Mr. Rockefeller deals.

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Control the City Council. A New York paper suggests, as a preliminary to getting control of the street railways, that an effort be made by the people to get control of the city council and the city government generally. This is not a mere bit of pleasantry. It is, in fact, a valuable suggestion. Municipal ownership of public utilities is becoming more and more popular among people of the cities. And yet many people, who earnestly advocate this plan, give little thought to the character of the men whom they elect to their municipal offices. If the newspapers are to be believed, the average board of aldermen is influenced considerably more by the corporation managers than it is by the people. If the suggestion of this New York paper be carried out, municipal ownership will very soon become a reality. The arguments in favor of municipal ownership are so complete that the people, when they control their city authorities, will also control their public utilities.

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Two Dozen Pockets. The New York World is burdened with the once-popular notion that American legislation should be framed to promote the greatest good of the greatest number, and never to benefit the few at the expense of the many. Having analyzed Mr. Hanna's ship subsidy bill for the purpose of determining how many pockets are to be benefited by it, the World is shocked by its discoveries and declares that the bare fact ought to make any senator, even Mr. Hanna, blush to vote for it. The World has discovered that of "the whole list of ships that are entitled to the highest subsidy rate fixed by the bill nine-tenths are owned by just four companies—to-wit, the International Navigation company, the New York and Cuba Mail company, the Pacific Mail Steamship company and the American Mail Steamship company. Nine-tenths of the smaller subsidy rates that would be paid on foreign-built steamers would also go to four concerns only, and these four are really only two operating under different names—namely, the Standard Oil Trust and the Pennsylvania Railroad. Under the clauses which provide bounties for ships now building for foreign trade in American ship-yards and half bounties for ships building abroad for American